GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SATI INCIDENTS
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of 'Sati' incidents have come to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years till date, State-wise and Union Territory-wise;

(b) whether the cases have been filed against the guilty persons for the said crime;

(c) if so, the judgements given in each case;

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto, State-wise;

(e) whether the Government proposes to enact any strict law to check the incident of "Sati";

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b),(c)&(d) As per the data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Ministry of Home Affairs, during 2003 and 2004, no case under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 was registered in any of the States/Union Territories. During 2005, one case under the said Act was registered in Rajasthan for which 18 persons were arrested and charge sheeted. Information for the year 2006 has not been received by NCRB from the States and Union Territories.

(e)&(f) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 has been enacted in this regard. The Act is uploaded in the Ministry's website to: www.wcd.nic.in.

(g) Does not arise.